

# NH Office of Highway Safety

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## PRESS RELEASE

INCIDENT: Directed Patrol Route 125 Corridor

DATE: August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

LOCATION: Route 125

TROOPER: Lieutenant Keith J. Walker

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### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

*UPDATE: Officers from the Brentwood, Epping, Lee, Barrington and Rochester Police Departments, as well as troopers from New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of State Police Troop-A in Epping took part in this initiative. Those officers and troopers assigned to this directed patrol made a total of 294 motor vehicle stops and issued 64 citations and 240 warnings. There were ten arrests made, four of which involved impaired drivers. One of these arrests highlights the importance of the initiative, when an impaired driver fled a motor vehicle stop and led officers on a slow speed pursuit. That vehicle was ultimately stopped through the use of a tire deflation device and the driver was taken into custody without further incident. That driver was later charged with Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated as well as several other motor vehicle violations.*

*The NH Office of Highway Safety thanks all of the agencies that participated in this initiative for their continued efforts to reduce crashes and remove impaired and distracted drivers from New Hampshire's roadways.*

Attached photos are courtesy of Jeffrey Hastings, <https://www.frameofmindphoto.com/news>.





**ORIGINAL RELEASE ISSUED ON AUGUST 4, 2021:**

During the day and evening of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, state and local law enforcement agencies will take part in a directed patrol along Route 125 from Plaistow to Milton. These additional patrols, which will be funded through grants from the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety, will target not only impaired and distracted drivers but also those travelling in excess of the posted speed limits. These grants allow for additional patrols in those areas of the State that are most heavily travelled and where traffic crashes frequently occur. Route 125 has been identified as one such roadway, with nearly 450 crashes and 118 individuals injured since 2016. “Data shows that the Route 125 corridor has experienced numerous significant crashes in the past 5 years, many of which have resulted in serious injuries or death. The Office of Highway Safety is pleased to be able to fund these patrols, which by design target those speeding, impaired or distracted” said State Police Captain Christopher Vetter, Commander of the Office of Highway Safety.

Motorists can expect to see both local officers and state troopers working together as they vigorously enforce both the motor vehicle and criminal laws in an effort to reduce crashes and prevent injury or death. “It is an honor to coordinate with the New Hampshire State Police and the Office of Highway Safety for this important impaired and distracted driving initiative. As a result of this irresponsible behavior, many are injured, families are torn apart, and frequently there is damage to vehicles and property” said Chief Dan Wicks of the Brentwood, NH Police Department.

The Office of Highway Safety encourages all motorists to obey posted speed limits, do not drive distracted and to arrange for alternative transportation if you choose to consume alcohol. We also encourage the wearing of a seatbelt; the use of a safety restraint is the most effective way to prevent injury or death should you be involved in a traffic crash.